

## IS UP THE FLUME

PROSPECT COAL HOLE GONE GLIMMERING AND SHIMMERING.

Council at a Special Meeting Takes the Sunday Closing of the Gas-Oh-Cool-Any-thing-Good Experiment Scheme and Orders Casing Pulled—Well Down 1550 Feet and Eight Thousand Dollars to Marks—People Wanted the Hole, and the People Said Enough.

The prospect gas-oil well is gone up. The council threw it up after putting it down 1,550 feet. At a special meeting of the city legislature last Friday night the project was formally abandoned and A. Madison given a contract to pull the casing.

Ten thousand dollars was the amount voted for the exclusive purpose of finding coal, gas or oil, either one or all three.

Of this sum about eight thousand dollars have been expended in putting down the hole and encasing it. Some more will be spent in taking out the casing and clearing away the machinery and tools and filling up the hole. The work quit in sandstone and this formation being similar to the formations in the Needles oil fields it was thought that next to the sand stone was a layer of shale under which was oil and gas. But if there is shale under the sand stone and oil under the shale it will always remain there as far as Wichita is concerned. Perhaps the council quit just at the time when the work was about to result successfully. Maybe another week's work would have brought millions of wealth to the town and county. It is said that if the Americans had held on one hour longer at the battle of Gettysburg the revolution would have ended two years sooner. That might have been true, but it also might have resulted in the Britons whaling the American patriots into a frazzle, in which case Wichita might have had today a knickerbockered, epauletted, gaudy, purple English spring strutting up and down the streets collecting half the earnings of every nickel-in-the-slot machine in town for private disbursement.

English tyranny, however, is neither here nor there as concerns the Wichita gas well, and they have nothing in common any more than that both are now nowhere except in memory. And speaking of tyranny the English brand would have been very watery compared with what the city council would have experienced if it had put the other two thousand dollars in the hole.

Individually, being in the hole and having your money in a hole virtually amounts to the same thing, and the council would have been holed if it had continued the same sort of a hole two thousand dollars deeper.

And so it occurs that Wichita abandons any further experiment. There is one consolation, however. The money that the city put in the hole will stay there. That much is treasured away against the speculative fatalities of Cripple Creek and time, and people will go to work in the conviction that the salvation of this country is the face of it. They wanted the hole and yelled when they got enough.

**WILL BE AN EXTRA SESSION**

To Say Brown and Shane, Members of the State Board of Charities.

F. M. Shane of Jefferson county and W. L. Brown of Kingman, members of the state board of charities, were in the city yesterday on their way to Winfield to make an inspection of the imbecile asylum. They called on the Eagle and chatted pleasantly for an hour. They report the number of inmates of the various state institutions to be about 2,900 and the annual running expenses last month \$30,000.

Brown, who was a candidate for state printer, draws a hearty laugh at the mention of an investigation of the state printer fight and election. Both men expressed the belief that there would be an extra session of the legislature.

**NOW THEY TRAVEL TOGETHER**

Mrs. Gillespie of Ohio and Mr. W. M. Sawyer of Ashland, Kan., who were at the residence of Mr. Grant Hatfield, No. 1206 Jackson avenue, occurred the wedding of Mr. W. M. Sawyer of Ashland, Kan., and Mrs. Gillespie of Washington Court House, Ohio. The wedding was a very quiet and pretty one indeed, with no ostentation whatever, only relatives being present.

The house was tastefully arranged for the occasion, and presented quite a dainty appearance. The ceremony took place in the large double doorway which separates the parlors and the tapestry upon either side and above made a fitting surrounding for the bride party, who stood upon a large white bear robe immediately beneath. In the center overhead hung a horseshoe suspended by a blue ribbon. The curtains were drawn throwing a subdued light over the scene, which was in full keeping with the quiet and impressive affair.

When the hour arrived for the ceremony to be performed, Rev. E. C. Beach of St. Paul's M. E. church, entered the room, and advanced across the parlor to the place where the ceremony was to be performed. The bride party had entered and advanced to where the minister stood awaiting them, taking up their position beneath the emblem of good luck. The ceremony was then quietly performed, and after a brief invocation for the future welfare of the new household just brought into existence, the bride and groom received the congratulations of those present.

Mr. Sawyer is a well known citizen of Ashland, Kan., and was for some time connected with a well known mercantile establishment.

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**DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**

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entile house of Oklahoma, O. T. He has been very successful in everything he has entered. He has hosts of friends both in Oklahoma and in his present location, who will rejoice with him in his new happiness, and wish him and his bride all the good things of this life which they can enjoy.

The bride is a relative of Mr. Grant Hatfield and is much loved by her large number of friends in her old home in Ohio. The happiness thus brought about was clearly indicated by the bright faces of the bride and groom, who were not the least disconcerted during the ceremony. They will remain at the Carey for a few days, after which they will leave for Ashland, where a comfortable little home awaits them.

## MAY TERM OF COURT

It Commences This Morning With a Tery Light Docket.

The May term of the district court will begin this morning and the assignment of the docket will be made. Yesterday was motion day and the court room was crowded with lawyers. All the criminal cases will be assigned for tomorrow. There are, in all, fifteen criminal cases as follows:

State vs. Charles Stearns and Boone Fox, for rape.  
State vs. W. Postick and Blank Otobank, for larceny.  
State vs. J. A. Sadler, for grand larceny.  
State vs. Ira Moore for assault.  
State vs. John King, appeal from justice court.  
State vs. James Mussett and Link Teeter, for grand larceny.  
State vs. J. W. Mann.  
State vs. John Henry and Foster Lewis, for larceny.  
State vs. Blank Riff.  
State vs. Arthur and Mary Ingram, for murder.  
State vs. Burt Burns and William Wadkins.  
State vs. Arthur Lee and Clifford Hill.  
State vs. Ben Rowlin.  
State vs. J. H. Robins and Cicero Mount.  
State vs. John V. Cunningham, for murder.

In addition to the above criminal cases there are 174 jury cases and ninety-nine court cases, making the lightest court docket printed in this district for a good many years.

The following are the jurors for the term: Stephen Slade, George N. Roseberry, H. W. Porter, Wagon township; W. A. Barnett, H. H. Hope, Illinois township; P. S. Crum, Minnesota township; J. D. Bolton, Greeley township; John T. Frost, Greeley township; R. N. Neal, Ohio township; John Goldsmith, Morton township; J. C. Miller, Viola township; H. T. Camlen, F. W. Swab, W. W. Johnson, Jr., I. N. Stage, George H. Givens, Richard Hoselien, Montgomery Bryant, L. H. Kistler, C. M. Jones, M. R. Diver, A. M. Carr, John Musselman, J. M. Summers, Wichita City.

## BAD LOOKING CHAPS

Three Gila Monsters Sent to Wichita as a Curiosity.

Many were the tardy husbands who felt that they had the Jim Jams last night when they passed the store of Blitting Bros. on their way home "from the lodge." In the east window of that store are three "Gila monsters" sent to Blitting Bros. from Arizona by ex-Chief of Police Frank Burt. They are horrible looking animals and seem to be of the snake species. Although they are shaped like lizards they have the head and fangs of a snake and are not coated with the armor of the alligator. Their fang is of the exact shape of the fang of the cobra. The exact shape of the fang is of the cobra. The animal is represented as carrying in his hand when he visits the earth. The animals are said to be sometimes more poisonous than the rattlesnake, but of this there is some doubt. Some people hold that they are not poisonous at all. Poison or no poison, they are mighty repulsive looking fellows.

**GOING TO ARIZONA**

Arizona Takes From Oklahoma One of Its Best Known Men.

Mr. Charles B. Adams of Guthrie was in the city last night en route to The Needles, Arizona, where he takes charge of extensive mining interests. He was accompanied as far as Wichita by Mr. Leslie G. Niblack, editor of the Guthrie Daily Leader, and Mr. Roy Hoffman, assistant United States district attorney, both of whom are his nearest friends. As a trio of good fellows and bright lights in their separate professions they were never separated in Oklahoma. They were met here by Mr. L. R. Delaney of the Santa Fe, who entertained them with his usual warm-hearted hospitality. Mr. Adams is leaving the territory permanently, but he will visit it as frequently as his large business interests in Arizona will permit. He will be missed by a wide circle of personal friends.

**HOG ORDINANCE IN FORCE**

One Man had to be Housed In and Personally Reminded.

The police department requests the announcement that the hog ordinance is in full force now, which means that no pig pen will be allowed within the city limits unless built six inches from the ground with solid floor.

The police and health commissioners have just finished a long tussle with the chicken question, and as soon as the hog regulations get well in force it will be time to look after the dogs. Captain Sheldes says it was an unusually difficult matter to get the chicken difficulties settled. Already one violator of the hog ordinance has had to walk into police headquarters and explain.

## DYER WAS CHOSEN

CITY SUPERINTENDENT HONORED WITH RENEWED CONFIDENCE.

School Board Directed the Secretary to Cast the Ball Vote of That Body for His Re-Election—Prof. Allen is Also Re-Elected—Schedule of Salaries Fixed for New Teachers—They Will be Satisfactory to the Old Ones—Superintendent Dyer Makes an Able, Complete and Interesting Annual Report.

Prof. Frank R. Dyer was re-elected city superintendent of public instruction by acclamation last night. The secretary was instructed to cast the entire vote of the board for him as a fitting recognition of his services as superintendent of public instruction during the past two years. The honor shown Superintendent Dyer was practically shown Professor Allen, who was unanimously re-elected assistant principal of the High school and assistant superintendent of public instruction with a salary of \$1,200 per year commencing September 1.

The re-election of city librarian was postponed until next meeting, but it is quite certain that the present librarian will be re-elected.

The board met at the usual hour last evening and all the members were present. There was not much business before the meeting, which adjourned at an early hour.

On motion J. D. Caldwell was appointed to take the enumeration of school children, for which he is to receive the sum of \$50.

The chairman of the committee on grounds reported, recommending the sale of the lots at the corner of Washington and First streets to B. B. Herndon for \$400. There are six of seven lots in the bunch, and the board, evidently, considered the price too insignificant, for the report was rejected by a vote of 6 to 5, the president not voting.

On motion the appointment of janitors was deferred until the next regular meeting.

On motion the following schedule of teachers' salaries was adopted:

**SCHEDULE OF SALARIES.**

To the Board of Education:

Your committee on teachers and salaries beg to submit the following recommendations: That the salaries for teachers in graded schools for the future be as follows:

First year ..... \$20.00  
Second year ..... 22.50  
Third year ..... 25.00  
Fourth year ..... 27.50  
Fifth year ..... 30.00  
Sixth year ..... 32.50

**FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Heads of departments ..... \$55.00  
Assistants—

First year ..... \$55.00  
Second year ..... 57.50  
Third year ..... 60.00  
Fourth year ..... 62.50  
Fifth year ..... 65.00  
Sixth year ..... 67.50

Provided that the operation of such schedules shall not lower the salary of any teacher in the same position that she now occupies, now in the employ of the board.

Superintendent Dyer then read the following report, which will be found highly interesting to the thousands of patrons of the public schools of the city. The report is a document that is well worthy the perusal of everybody.

Gentlemen: I beg leave to submit the following abstract of my annual report for the present school year. As the last month's attendance will not be reported until the close of the present week, I submit that part of this report from the month's reports, and compare the same with the corresponding month of last year.

Number enrolled—Boys, 2,104; girls, 2,134; total 4,238. Number enrolled last month, 4,247. Gain, 41. Number enrolled first month last year, 4,517. Loss this year, 228. Number remaining to date, 3,570. No remaining last month, 3,678. Loss, 108. Number remaining seventh month last year, 2,558. Loss over seventh month last year, 98. Per cent of attendance for city, 94. Per cent of attendance seventh month last year, 83. No of visitors last month, 628. The report shows that while our enrollment has fallen off a little over 5 per cent on last year's enrollment, that our number remaining to date is only a little over 2 per cent below last year, and our per cent of attendance 1 per cent better than the seventh month last year.

The usual number of visitors found time to spend an hour or two with their children and teachers during the month. It has been mentioned in previous reports the advantages that follow the visits of parents to the school. We are aware that home and business duties frequently occupy the entire time of parents, yet it is not asking too much that, at least, they form the acquaintance of the teacher, who stands in such vital relation to their children's interests. It is a significant fact that the strongest friends of the schools are those who know most of their work by personal acquaintance, and the severest critics are among those who know least about the work of the schools. Visitors who had not been in the habit of visiting schools have remarked with surprise:

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6 cans Deviled Ham ..... 25c  
25 cases 1 lb flat cans Salmon (regular 20c size) only ..... 10c

1,000 pounds Dried Apples (10c kind) per lb ..... 5c  
1,000 pounds California Prunes per lb 5c  
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**WILL COME IN A BODY**

Malte Knights of Pythias Will Come in a Body.

Jim Hardesty of Malte was in yesterday making some big purchases of Jim Tapp.

Mr. Hardesty says the late heavy rains and cold weather have put the corn back very materially and that it will be some time before the crop will catch up with the season. The Malte K. of P. lodge of seventy-five members is making arrangements to come to the grand lodge at this place in a body.

**WILL FISH AND HUNT**

And Doctor for Chiggers, Mosquitoes and Humbugs.

Yesterday afternoon Clarence Smith, W. H. Throckmorton, Jim Dorsey and Ben McLean put on overalls, blouse coats and flop hats and pulled out with guns and fishing tackle for Waldo's lake in Pratt county where they will spend a week hunting and fishing. After they return they will put in another week doctoring up scrubbed noses, chigger bites and mosquito wounds, all of which is part of the fun.

**JONES IS A CANDIDATE**

K. of P. Lodges of This City Want Him for Master of Exchequer.

The K. of P. lodges of this city are making an active canvass to secure the election of A. C. Jones of the bank of Commerce to be grand master of the exchequer at the grand lodge meeting here in May. All the past chairmen of the different lodges in town held a meeting at the police court room yesterday to consider methods for advancing Mr. Jones' candidacy. Mr. Jones is eminently fitted to fill the place, and if Wichita gave this city will certainly have its share of high class of secret orders of the state.

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Douglas \$1.00 Shoes for.....2.50  
Douglas \$2.50 Shoes for.....2.00  
Douglas \$2.00 Shoes for.....1.50

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